

**Circulation of counterfeit notes of one thousand**

<sup>†</sup>4226. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the fake notes in denomination of Rs. 1000 have come in circulation in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far taken any concrete steps to check it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) A few forged notes of Rs. 1000 denomination have been detected by the Reserve Bank of India. These forged notes were very crude, attempted by photocopy and could be identified with ease.

(b) and (c) With a view to making the counterfeiting of Rs. 1000 notes difficult, additional security features have been incorporated in the note.

**Effect of Free Market Economy on U.P.**

<sup>†</sup>4227. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic condition of Uttar Pradesh has deteriorated after adopting Free Market Economy whereas there has been improvement in the other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure development of Uttar Pradesh in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no evidence to suggest that the economic condition of

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